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SUBJ: PARCA XIII CONGRESS

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SUMMARY: PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS-SYNOPSIS OF SUMMARY
LETTER SENT TO USDEL CHAIRMAN WITH COMMENT.

1. SUMMARY LETTER SENT TO USDEL CHAIRMAN GOODFELLOW AT P O BOX
EASTON, MARYLAND ADDRESS DECEMBER 12 VIA APO. COPY OF
GOODFELLOW LETTER ALSO SENT TO MR DANIEL CLARE, INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS ADVISER, US PERMANENT MISSION TO OAS, VIA APO
SAME DATE. PLEASE ADVISE POST IF DUPLICATE COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE
SHOULD BE SENT.

2. SUMMARY LETTER OUTLINES FOLLOWING POINTS:

A CONTINUED US PARTICIPATION DEPENDENT UPON POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL
CONSIDERATIONS. POLITICAL CLIMATE MAY BE AFFECTED BY GREATER
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. COMMERCIAL VALUE OF US PARTICIPATION
UNCERTAIN; BUT CANVASS OF SUPPLIERS INDICATES THAT SOME APPARENT
POSITIVE GAIN EXISTS.

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B. IF FUTURE DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE PART, CHAIRMEN, AT LEAST, SHOULD SPEAK SPANISH. LACK OF FLUENCY-IN SPANISH IMPOSES LIMITS ON DELEGATES DURING BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONTACTS.

C PAPERS DOMINATED MEETING IN GENERAL SESSIONS AS WELL AS IN WORKING GROUPS. DELEGATES REGRETED THAT THERE WERE FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSION OF BROADER ISSUES. DELEGATES ALSO HAD PROBLEMS OBTAINING FIXED SCHEDULE FOR PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS IN WORKING SESSIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED
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COMMENT: FYI ONLY.

3. WHILE MOST DELEGATES SEEMED TO FEEL THAT A RAILWAY CONGRESS WAS BASICALLY-WORTHWHILE, AS A MEETING GROUD TO MAKE CONTACTS, TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND GENERALLY TO PROMOTE RAILWAYS, MOST OF THEM ALSO FELT THAT THIS CONGRESS WAS SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME DOING TOO LITTLE. PARCA XIII RAN FROM NOV 13 THRU NOV 22. IF ARRIVAL OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR MIDWEEK OF NOV 17, ENTIRE DELEGATION WOULD HAVE DEPARTED CARACAS ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, NOV 20. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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